S. No.	Year	Place of accident & state	Nature of accident	Substance involved	Number of		
					Death	Injury	Evacuation
1.	1990	Baripad (Orissa)	Leakage	Oleum	—	140	—
2.	1990	Calcutta (West Bengal)	Leakage	Ammonia	—	120	—
3.	1990	Nagothane (Maharashtra)	Leakage	Gas	32	22	—
4.	1991	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)	Leakage	Gas	—	180	—
5.	1991	Bombay Ahmedabad Highway (Maharashtra)	Leakage	LNG	100	—	—
6.	1993	Kalayan (Maharashtra)	Release	Sulphuric Acid	9	123	—

(c) A Public Liability Insurance Act has been enacted in 1991 to award relief to affected persons in an accident involving hazardous chemicals.

Closure of Mines in Rajasthan

@@1060. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently ordered immediate closure of all mines located within the protected forest areas of Sariska in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to implement the court's orders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Rajasthan has confirmed that mining activities have been stopped within the protected forest area of Sariska, as ordered by the Supreme Court.

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Strengthening Ties with Nepal

1061. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : . SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken since January this year towards strengthening ties with Nepal, including economic, cultural ties; and

(b) what further steps are contemplated in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) :

(a) and (b) Since January 1993 several steps have been taken to strengthen the close economic and cultural ties between India and Nepal. Discussions with Nepal have covered a wide range of activities such as cooperation in the utilisation of water resources and